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Former State Gaming Employee Pleads Guilty

(Phoenix, Ariz. – April 19, 2006) Attorney General Terry Goddard today announced that Daniel A. Muller, 59, pleaded guilty to conflict of interest of a public employee, a class six felony.

Muller used his position as a financial investigator at the Arizona Department of Gaming to obtain confidential information from the Kansas State Gaming Agency about an ongoing investigation involving R. Franco USA. Muller failed to disclose he had recently accepted a position with R. Franco and used the confidential information to benefit the company.

Muller, of Phoenix, was indicted in August 2004 after a joint investigation by the Attorney General's Office and the Arizona Department of Gaming revealed Muller used his position to gain employment with R. Franco USA, a slot machine company applying to have its machines used in Arizona casinos.

Muller faces no less than 30 days in jail and probation and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Muller will be sentenced on May 15 by Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Thomas W. O'Toole. Assistant Attorney General Todd Lawson is prosecuting this case.

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